



Louisiana Military Family Assistance Program Application

Board Meeting Minutes 30 January 2018- 1:00 PM

MFA Board Meeting: 30 January 2018

Meeting called to order by Holly Talley at 1:05 pm

Introduction of new Board Member, Vanessa Melancon. Vanessa is the Deputy Undersecretary of Benefits for LDVA and takes Matt Farlow's place as a Member At-Large on the Board.

Roll Call taken with the following Board members in attendance:

- Sulanda Lonnette
- Denis Andras
- Col. Jona Hughes
- Thomas Enright
- Sammy Guillory
- Rep. Chris Hazel
- Alex Juan
- Vanessa Melancon
- Billy Robbins

Non-Board Members Present

- Holly Talley

Quorum was determined for business to continue.

Pledge was recited.

Moment of Silent Reflection/Prayer.

Previous Minutes from the 26 October 2017 MFA Board Meeting were approved.

- Motion to approve by: Chris Hazel; Seconded by: Jona Hughes
- Approved without objection.

The MFA 3-Person Fund Committee has not met since the last MFA Board meeting on 12 September. There are no new actions to report.

Holly Talley discussed the balance of the MFA Fund Balance. The most recent S07 report from the treasury had not been received prior to the meeting. Balance numbers are based on LDVA Fiscal records.

- The fund balance is \$381,317.95.
- Total spent to date for FY 2017-18: \$82,137.81.



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- Motion to approve by: Chris Hazel; Seconded by: Denis Andras
- Approved without objection.

Presentation of 12 applications for consideration of the Board by Holly Talley:

1. BPRU0118 Board Action: Denied
- Denied for lack of supporting documentation for request of \$10,000. No documents provided.

 - Motion to Deny: Dennis A. • 2nd By: Sammy G.
 - Denied without objection
2. CANT0118 Board Action: Denied
- Application lacks proper supporting documentation to show hardship created by need for an aqua unit in home. Request made for \$10,000.

 - Motion to Deny: Dennis A. • 2nd By: Thomas E.
 - Denied without objection
3. JODE0118 Board Action: Denied
- Veteran not domiciled in the state of Louisiana, as required by the statute.

 - Motion to Deny: Dennis A. • 2nd By: Chris H.
 - Denied without objection
4. AWIN0118 Board Action: Denied
- Lacked sufficient documentation to support request.
- Board member Thomas Enright recused himself from discussion and consideration of this application.

 - Motion to Deny: Dennis A. • 2nd By: Sulanda L.
 - Denied without objection
5. LGAI0118 Board Action: Denied
- Lacked proper supporting documents.
- Billy Robbins will follow up with Veteran to have hom complete new application and work to ensure documents are provided.

 - Motion to Deny: Dennis A. • 2nd By: Chris H.
 - Denied without objection
6. LBRO0118 Board Action: Denied
- No documents provided to support requested amount.

 - Motion to Deny: Jona H. • 2nd By: Thomas E.
 - Denied without objection



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7. ABOU0118

Board Action: Denied

- Lacks all required documentation, including copy of DD214 or discharge paperwork.
 - Motion to Deny: Thomas E.
 - Denied without objection
- 2nd By: Chris H.

8. LROB0118

Board Action: Denied

- Application denied as is for lack of supporting documentation.
- Billy Robbins will follow up with Veteran to have hom complete new application and work to ensure documents are provided.
 - Motion to Deny: Dennis A.
 - Denied without objection
- 2nd By: Sulanda L.

9. VHAL0118

Board Action: Approved

- Application approved for up to \$3,925.00, based on her current needs to assist in getting caught up.
 - Motion to Approve: Chris H.
 - Approved without objection
- 2nd By: Alex J.

10. AOLI0118

Board Action: Denied

- Application did not contain proper supporting documentation to reflect amounts owed.
 - Motion to Deny: Jona H.
 - Denied without objection
- 2nd By: Dennis A.

11. DBEL0118

Board Action: Denied

- Lacks supporting documentation for current need. Application related to 2016 flood. Received after Flood 2016 deadline.
 - Motion to Deny: Dennis A.
 - Denied without objection
- 2nd By: Chris H.

12. JDUP0118

Board Recommendation: Approved

- This application does not require Board approval. It was presented to the Board for their opinion due to circumstances for the request. Board offered opinion for assistance up to \$1500 when the applicant was ready for the purchase of his vehicle.

Discussion among Board members to set a standing meeting time each month for the MFA Board meetings. Members will check their schedules and Holly will follow up with them to set a day/time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

- Motion made by Christ Hazel, 2nd by Alex Juan. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned.